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Claims 24-43 are pending in the present application. Claims 1-23 were previously cancelled. Claim 24 has been amended herein. No new matter has been added.

Applicants would like to thank Examiner Le for discussing and further explaining the rejections of claims 24-33 under 35 U.S.C. § 112. As a result of the discussion with Examiner Le, Applicants have amended claim 24 to correct the inaccuracy identified by Examiner Le. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the rejections of claims 24-33 under 35 U.S.C. § 112 be withdrawn.

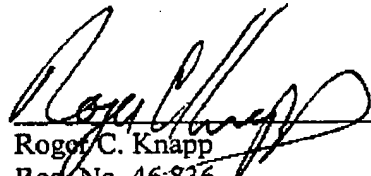
Applicants respectfully note that the final Office Action also included a rejection of claim 24 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b). However, the rejection of claim 24 did not address the amendments submitted by Applicants in the Amendment dated June 27, 2006. Thus, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of claim 24 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) be withdrawn and claim 24 be considered on its merits.

Claims 25-33 depend from claim 24 and add further limitations. It is respectfully submitted that these dependent claims are allowable by reason of depending from an allowable claim as well as for adding new limitations.

Applicants have made a diligent effort to place the claims in condition for allowance. However, should there remain unresolved issues that require adverse action, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone Roger C. Knapp, Applicants' attorney, at 972-732-1001 so that such issues may be resolved as expeditiously as possible. No fee is believed due in connection with this filing. However, should one be deemed due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge, or credit any overpayment, Deposit Account No. 50-1065.

Respectfully submitted,

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